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BIWEEKLY SUMMARY
3-16 May 1956

THE TAIWAN STRAIT

Report of the IAC Current Intelligence Group for the Taiwan Strait Problem

1. There was no significant combat activity during the period.

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2. the Chinese Communists are extending the Fukien rail line over two causeways and south across Amoy Island to the commercial port facilities on Amoy. It is expected that the rail line will be completed late this year. Opening of Amoy harbor, one of the finest on the East China coast, would require neutralization of Nationalist forces on Quemoy. The shipping lane to Amoy is vulnerable to Nationalist artillery from Quemoy.

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3. over 50 Chinese Communist field artillery pieces and about 140 vehicles in five separate parks about 50 miles north of Amoy. A training area has been reported in this general location, but may reflect a reinforcement of Communist artillery strength near Amoy.

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4. Rotation of Chinese Nationalist troops between Quemoy and Taiwan is scheduled to resume on 10 June. Present plans envisage the eventual replacement of all troops which were on Quemoy before August 1955. About 50 percent of these troops remain to be rotated. The replacement will provide Quemoy with units that have had recent divisional training on Taiwan under MAAG supervision, and also give an opportunity for the relieved units to receive the same training.

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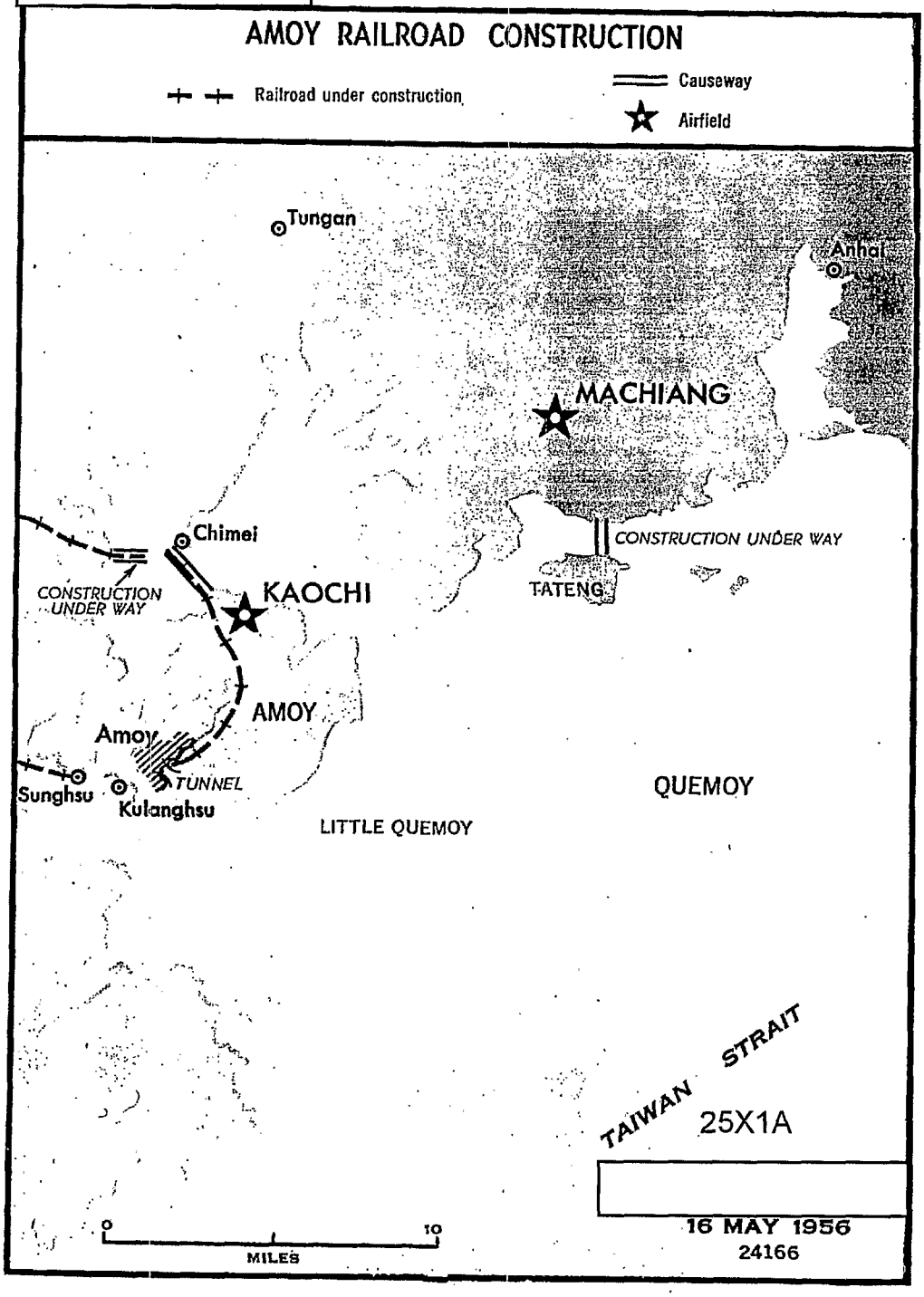

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TAIWAN STRAIT SITUATION
17 MAY 1956

CHINESE COMMUNIST AIRFIELD LEGEND:

DESIGNATIONS	PRIMARY AIRFIELD — CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT IN AREA WITH PREPARED RUNWAY GENERALLY 5000 FEET OR LONGER.	SECONDARY AIRFIELD — AUXILIARY OR EMERGENCY BASES OR FIELDS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE. RUNWAYS GENERALLY LESS THAN 5000 FEET.
ACTIVE BASE FOR MILITARY & CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT. SOME BASES USED BY PISTON TYPES MAY BE USABLE BY JETS	●	OPERATIONAL ▲
INACTIVE BASES CAPABLE OF USE BY AIRCRAFT	●	SERVICEABLE ▲
CURRENT STATUS UNDETERMINED		UNKNOWN

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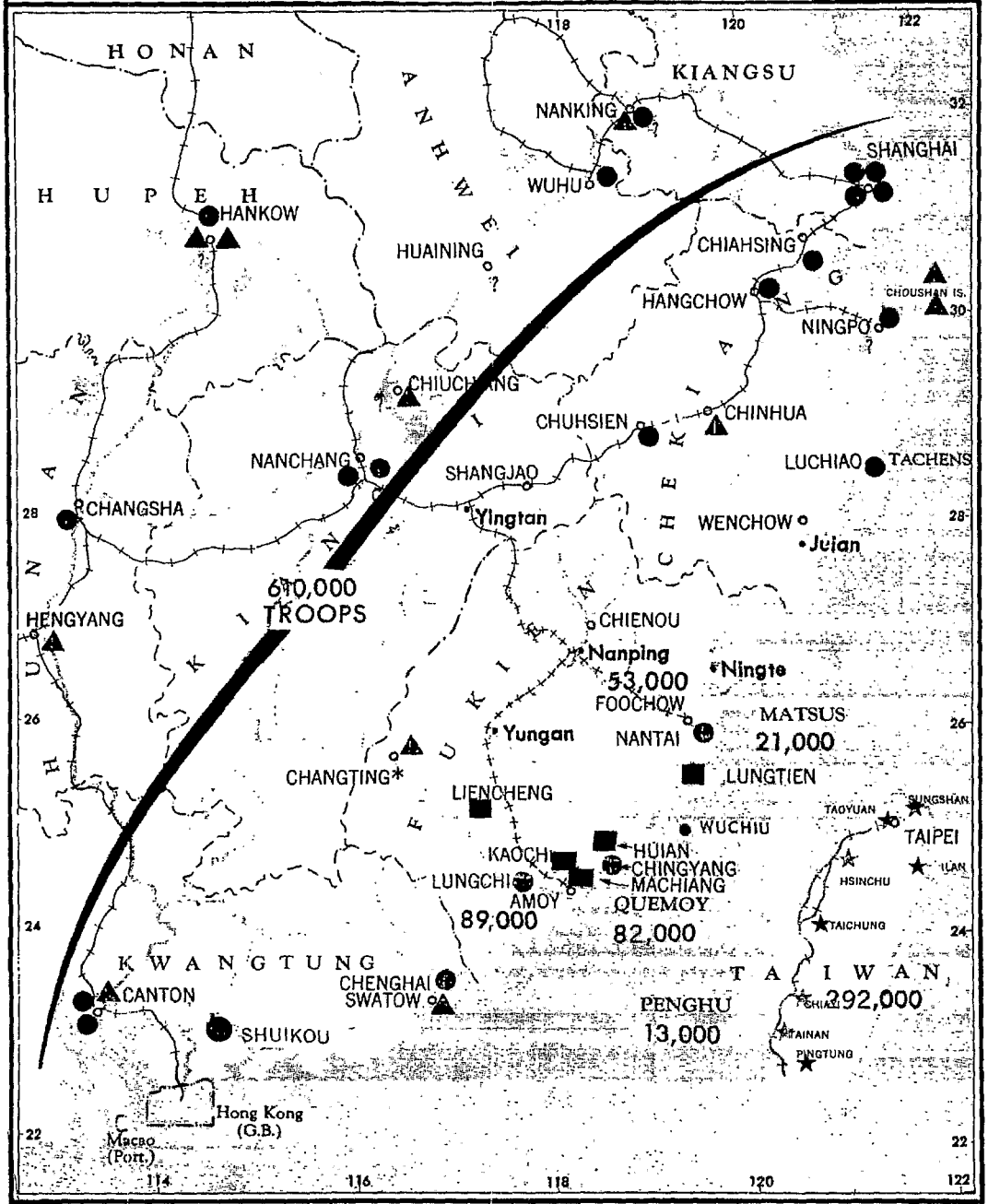
MIG-15 MIG-17 TU-4 IL-28	TU-2, IL-10 LA-9/11 LI-2 ETC.	UNKNOWN	UNDER CONSTRUCTION

* FIELDS NOT CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING SUSTAINED OPERATIONS AT PRESENT.



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Railroad
Under construction or projected

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★NATIONALIST AIRFIELD

Primary roads
Secondary roads

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